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MEMORANDUM FOR: Chief, Austria Bureau

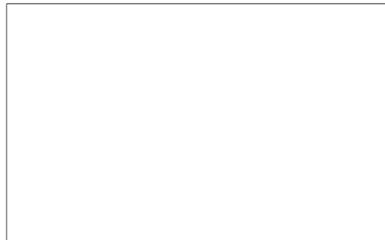
FROM : Chief, Monitoring Operations Division

SUBJECT : Austria Bureau Emergency Coverage Plan

REFERENCES : A. MHQ-5023 -- Request for Emergency Coverage Plans  
 B. FBIS/Vienna 10031 (Mar 85) -- Austrian Bureau  
 Emergency Coverage Plan  
 C. FBIS/London 91559 (Apr 85) -- Response to Ref B.  
 D. Nicosia Memo (25 Mar 85) -- Nicosia Coverage of  
 Vienna Commitments  
 E. Bonn 88187 (Apr 85) -- Cologne Unit response to  
 Ref B.

1. Attached is the finalized emergency coverage plan for Austria Bureau. The plan closely follows the draft dated 25 July 1985 submitted by Austria Bureau. Comments or corrections are solicited.

2. MOD will be adhering to the 6-month update schedule for these plans, as stated in Ref A. Accordingly, the next update of this plan will be due in September 1986. Austria Bureau may wirefile suggested updates at that time.



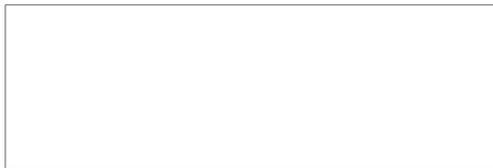
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Attachment:  
 AU Emergency Coverage Plan

cc: Ch/AU, Ch/CU, Ch/LD, Ch/NC, Ch/WSS, MOD Files (PLAN 10-5),  
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AUSTRIA BUREAU EMERGENCY COVERAGE PLAN

In the event of an interruption in Austria Bureau's operations and subject to changes depending on the situation at the time:

1. LONDON Bureau would assume the following coverage (Class A coverage underlined):

- a. 1) Albania: Tirana DS, Tirana ATA English;
- 2) Bulgaria: Sofia DS, Sofia BTA English;
- 3) Romanian: Bucharest DS, AGERPRES English;
- 4) Yugoslavia: Belgrade DS;
- 5) Poland: Polish central press (by PMU);
- 6) Italy: Rome ANSA English;
- 7) USSR: Soviet journals now covered by AU to be picked up by PMU (only KOMMUNIST is Class A); Moscow Albanian/Bulgarian/Romanian and Kiev DS Ukrainian (these lower priority casts to be picked up after transfer of AU monitors; their coverage could be dispensed with in short-term situations). In a long-term outage, PMU would acquire subscriptions to East European publications now covered by Austria.

b. Personnel shifts: Two Albanian, one Polish, two Bulgarian, two Romanian, and four Russian/Ukrainian monitors; two editors; and two teletypists.

2. NICOSIA Bureau would:

- a. 1) Phone patch to London Bureau casts from Tirana, Sofia, Bucharest, Belgrade, and Kiev domestic services (BBC may be able to receive Belgrade and Sofia in the evenings);
- 2) Assume Austria Bureau's coverage of Paris AFP English.
- b. Personnel shifts: One technician.
- c. Equipment needed: None.

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3. Cologne Unit would take:

- a. GDR central press currently covered by Austria Bureau (with emphasis on NEUES DEUTSCHLAND).
- b. Personnel shifts: One monitor.
- c. None.

4. LOSSES would include: Field bureau coverage of all press from Eastern Europe with the exception of the GDR (available in Cologne) and Poland (currently subscribed to by PMU); Prague and Budapest television services; TANJUG Serbo-Croatian; daytime coverage of Budapest, Bratislava, Zagreb, and some Prague domestic service casts; all coverage of Austrian media.

5. ALTERNATIVES and Uncertainties:

- a. Should it prove impossible for chief and deputy chief to remain at bureau, they could usefully be transferred to London Bureau.
- b. Relocating one Bulgarian, two Czech, one Romanian, two Serbo-Croatian, and two Hungarian monitors to Washington to help with perishable material from the press of those countries is a useful possibility. Alternatively, these monitors could also be sent to London to process faxed material received from Prod Group.

6. Vulnerability of COMMUNICATIONS and ELECTRIC POWER:

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